

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-9, and 11-18 are pending in the present application. Applicant has submitted amendments herein to cancel claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 15, 16, 17 and 18.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 9 and 11-14 are in condition for allowance. Since claims 9 and 11-14 will be the only pending claims upon entry of the claim amendments herein, applicant submits that the present application will be in condition for allowance upon entry of the claim amendments.

Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application on the cancelled claims without prejudice.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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